

Seminar on “Emerging Areas in Humanities”

Organised by

Presidency School of Liberal Arts and Sciences

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9 AM to 4 PM, MG13

About University

Presidency University, Bangalore, is an NAAC 'A' accredited institution, renowned for its commitment to quality education and holistic student development. Established in 2013 by the Presidency Group of Institutions, it is an emerging leading educational institution in India. With a focus on innovation, research, and experiential learning, the University attracts students seeking both academic excellence and personal growth. Offering a wide range of programmes in computer science, engineering, management, law, design, media studies, commerce, liberal arts, and allied health sciences, the University blends theoretical knowledge with practical application. The experienced faculty ensures a dynamic and supportive learning environment. The University prepares students for global careers, emphasising discipline, integrity, and adherence to its values and regulations. Every student is encouraged to uphold these standards and contribute to the University's esteemed legacy.

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About School

Presidency School of Liberal Arts and Sciences is an interdisciplinary academic space offering undergraduate programmes in English Literature and Psychology, alongside comprehensive language education in English, Kannada, French, and Mandarin. The school promotes critical thinking, cultural literacy, and global awareness through innovative teaching and immersive learning. With a strong emphasis on academic rigor and real-world engagement, it regularly hosts seminars, workshops, and collaborative initiatives that connect students with diverse perspectives across disciplines. The school prepares students to navigate and contribute meaningfully to an increasingly complex and interconnected world.

About Seminar

The seminar on "Emerging Areas in Humanities", organised by Presidency School of Liberal Arts and Sciences, seeks to explore the expanding frontiers of humanities research in an increasingly interdisciplinary and interconnected academic landscape. Drawing on diverse themes such as environmental studies, digital media, disability, and queer theory, the seminar brings together scholars who work at the intersections of literature, culture, and society. As

the school's first large-scale academic event, this seminar aims to initiate critical conversations, enrich curriculum-based learning, and foster an inclusive intellectual environment for both students and faculty.

Scope

The seminar addresses the evolving nature of the humanities by engaging with emerging fields such as environmental humanities, disability studies, digital culture, and queer theory. It provides a platform for scholars and students to examine how literature and cultural theory intersect with pressing contemporary issues and foster dialogue across disciplines.

Objective

- To introduce students and faculty to innovative and critical areas within the Humanities.
- To facilitate interdisciplinary academic exchange through expert talks and discussion.
- To complement existing curricula with research-informed perspectives.
- To foreground the relevance of humanities in understanding real-world challenges.

Aim

The seminar aims to foster a culture of critical engagement, promote interdisciplinary thinking, and showcase the humanities as a dynamic field that responds to shifting cultural, ecological, and technological landscapes.

Expected Outcomes

- Enhanced understanding of emerging disciplines and methodologies in the Humanities.
- Encouragement for students to explore research and project work beyond the syllabus.
- Opportunities for academic collaboration and dialogue across institutions.
- Exposure to current theoretical frameworks and their practical applications.

Resource Persons



Dr. Vinay Sankar

Fellow in Residence, ATREE, Bengaluru

Talk Title: *Unpacking the Environment: Interdisciplinary Approach in Environmental Studies and Humanities*



Dr. Revathy Hemachandran

Assistant Professor, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Bengaluru

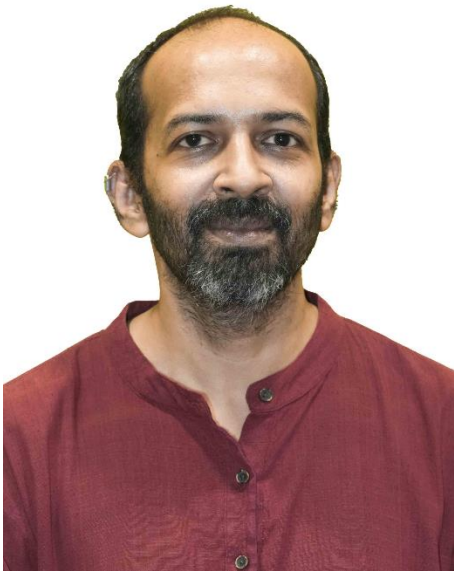
Talk Title: *Anatomizing the Gaze: Social Media Creators and Audience Engagement*



Dr. Tirtha Pratim Deb

Assistant Professor, Communication Studies at Mount Carmel College, Bengaluru

Talk Title: *Key Concepts in Disability Studies: A Reflection on Theory and Praxis*



Mr. Nithin Manayath

Assistant Professor, Mount Carmel College, Bangalore

Talk Title: *Queering Humanities: Challenges & Opportunities*

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